



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, national research indicates that as many as 20% of children and adults struggle with learning differences such as dyslexia and ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder); and

WHEREAS, these individuals – who are average or above-average in intelligence – have a neurobiological disability that interferes with their ability to speak, listen, read, write, spell, reason, recall, organize information, or do mathematics; and

WHEREAS, children and adults demonstrate tremendous courage and commitment to overcome these differences; and

WHEREAS, with intervention and support, these individuals do succeed in school, work and life; and

WHEREAS, teachers and professionals in Idaho continue to increase their knowledge and skills to extend expert assistance and encouragement to individuals with learning differences; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of learning disabilities is growing along with recognition of literacy as a critical civil right; and

WHEREAS, September signals the return of Idaho's children to the classroom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2002, to be

LEARNING DIFFERENCES MONTH

in Idaho, and encourage all Idahoans to recognize the potential and the accomplishments of children and adults with learning differences.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE